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Applicant: Mitchell *et al.*  
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR USE IN SPLICEOSOME  
MEDIATED RNA *TRANS*-SPLICING

**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed  
May 5, 2004. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition to Extend Time to respond for a period  
of three months, accompanied by the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). Applicants  
respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of all pending claims in the  
application beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 14 of this paper.